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sell anywhere so that the production of it could be paid for by the money you derive from selling the product, but what we're going to do is tell you that in your state it will save agriculture. It has not saved agriculture anywhere. And when I talk about the price of corn, I don't mean within a hundred mile radius of a plant. I'm talking about the price of corn that determines how much these corn producers are going to get when they take their corn to market and sell. They can't say, well, over there on 36th and Country Road H you can get \$3.50 a bushel because a couple of miles down the road they'll buy it at the ethanol plant, so I want \$3.50 a bushel when I sell my corn here. They say, man, you been drinking corn; get on out of here. Ethanol production has not significantly raised the price of corn ever. You check the record. You all don't want to check the record on that. You always talk about what the facts show. You make these statements and assertions, but they are not...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...based on fact, and it seems to me the senators who represent rural interests, or say that they do, who represent urb...farm interests, or say they do, should want to base what they're offering on facts as they exist in the world. And you should not make these corn producers think that if you build these plants the price of corn for all of the producers of corn in Nebraska will miraculously rise. The vast majority of corn still is going to be raised and used for animal feed, and the majority of the corn is going to be shipped out of this country. If America produces 40 percent of the world's corn but 70 percent of the corn that's on the international market, it's clear that the majority of American corn winds up going outside of this country, and when it goes outside this country it is not used for human consumption but animal...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...feed. I would ask for a call of the house.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: There's been a request to place the house